IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

55 U.S. PTO Assistant Commissioner for Patents Atty Dkt.: 922-81 Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: Attached for filing is the patent application of 1/31/00 Date: January 31, 2000 Inventor: Christ pher J. BUSE et al Entitled: ALLOCATION OF IP ADDRESS BY PROXY TO **DEVICE IN A LOCAL AREA NETWORK** and including attachments as noted below: \boxtimes pages of specification and claims (including 6 numbered claims), and 3 sheets of accompanying drawing/s. Record & return the attached assignment to the undersigned. \boxtimes Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications, the entire content of which \boxtimes is hereby incorporated by reference in this application: **Application Number** Country Day/Month/Year Filed 9925897.2 Great Britain 3 Nóvember 1999 , respectively. Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached... \boxtimes Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line -- This is a of PCT application , filed the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application. Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 120/365 based on the following prior PCT applications designating the U.S., the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application: **Application Number** Day/Month/Y ar Filed This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s): Application No. Filing Date respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom. Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. . filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application. Verified Statement attached establishing "small entity" status (Rules 9 & 27) The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner for the reasons stated therein. Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee below. Also attached: FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED Basic Filing Fee \$ 690.00 Total effective claims - 20 (at least 20) = x \$ 18.00 0.00 Independent claims 2 - 3 (at least 3) = 0 x \$ 78.00 0.00 If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$260.00 (ignore improper) 0.00 SUBTOTAL \$ 690.00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract 0.00)**SECOND SUBTOTAL \$** 690.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) 40.00 **TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$** 730.00 Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C. Adington, Virginia 22201-4714 By Atty: Larry S. Nixon, Reg. No. 25,640 Telephone: (703) 816-4000 Facsimile: (703) 816-4100 LSN:vc Signature:

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